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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DEVICE  
ACCESS FAIRNESS IN FIBRE CHANNEL  
ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

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Examiner: Venkatesh N. Haliyur

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 4, 2009, for which a response is due on June 4, 2009. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

There are no amendments to the specification and drawings.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.